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Place Acquired: Betav. Lebason

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Date of keport:

14 June 1951

Source:

1. Source states that the Grand Mufti of Palestine, Hajj Amin el-HUNAYMI, went to Damascus from Beirut on the merniar of 5 June to consult with high Syrian efficials. Before leaving he teld a few local followers that the purpose of his vicit was to play his trump cord—the formation of an army division composed of fifteen thousand Palestinian refugees, to be trained by and attached to the Syrian Army. He teld them that the reason(Col) EMISTARIA had refused his effer of refugees for the Syrian Army was purely a financial eas. Col. SHISHARIA teld him, he easil, that the army was short of funds because of arms contracts which it had let out to French and Italian firms.

2. The Hufti sold that he would now make known the effer of the Pakistani government to equip the division completely if Syrie will do the training. He said that this effer had been made when he was in Enruchi and that he know the Pakistani government would keep its word. He said that he felt sure Syrie would accept the proposition.

Pield Notes:

Paragraph 1: See paragraph 2 for the Mufti's recent converention with Gel. SHISHALL. According to our border reports from Z 3: it was on 6 Jane that the Mufti went to Democrae.

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